

REMARKS

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1 and 3-5 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting in light of claims 14-20 of co-pending Application Serial No. 10/050,085. That rejection is traversed. Nevertheless, applicant is amending this application to include claims 12-20 from the co-pending application as new claims 21-29, and applicant intends to allow the co-pending application to go abandoned, so the double patenting rejection is now moot. These new claims have all been examined and there is no outstanding rejection of those claims other than the provisional double patenting rejection. Applicant is also amending the present application to include disclosure and drawings from Application Serial No. 60/273,902, which is the provisional application of the co-pending application and which was previously incorporated by reference into the present application. Applicant previously discussed this amendment with the Examiner.

Applicant requests that withdrawn claims 2, 8 and 9 be reinstated because they depend from claim 1 and claim 1 should be allowed.

Applicant asserts that all the currently pending claims are allowable and applicant requests that the application be allowed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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